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OLDEST BUILDING IN CHILLICOTHE

The residence located on the corner of First and Walnut streets is the oldest building in Chillicothe. It was erected in 1835 by James W. Brown from Ross County, Ohio, to be used as a tavern for the benefit of travelers on the Chicago to Peoria stage coach lines. The building was named the Dunlap House but later was changed to the American House under which name it has been remembered through the years. The exterior of the building has not been changed from the original but the interior has been altered to suit the convenience of various tenants throughout the years. This building was undoubtedly the first inn or tavern built in Chillicothe.

HUNTER LUMBER COMPANY
Chillicothe, Illinois

In 1892, forty-four years ago, Elmer F. Hunter and his father of Henry, Illinois, purchased the lumber and coal business here in Chillicothe from Cutright & Russell. The firm name was changed to H. & E. F. Hunter. Mr. E. F. Hunter moved here with his family and conducted the business until his death in 1921. Since that time it has been carried on by his son, R. F. Hunter and his associates. In 1915 the firm name was changed from H. & E. F. Hunter to Hunter Lumber Company.

Mr. Elmer F. Hunter was a very aggressive lumber merchant and at the time of his death had interest in 25 retail lumber yards in central Illinois. The purchasing headquarters for these yards was here in Chillicothe and this service for the yards is still carried on here.

When Mr. Elmer Hunter purchased the business here, Mr. Charles Daugherty was employed as yard foreman. Mr. Daugherty has held this position since, and in July, 1936, ended his 50th year of continuous service in this same yard.

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CITY FIRE TRUCK

COMMUNITY TRUCK

CHILLICOTHE CITY HALL

CHILLICOTHE CITY COUNCIL

READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT BACK ROW: H. F. ATHERTON, FRANK E. BACON, E. E. WEBB, J. E. CORCORAN : SITTING: OSCAR HARVEY, C. F. SCHWAGER, TREASURER, ILION WAIT, CITY CLERK, EDWARD PENNINGTON, MAYOR AND E. M. UDEN.

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Frank J. Rolan, manager of the Sunset Theatre, has been operating the present theatre for the past eight years. Always the latest and finest in talking pictures. Mr. Rolan is also the owner of the Palace Theatre, which is now under construction and when finished will be one of the finest and best theatres of any city of like size in central Illinois.

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The Sunset Barber shop owned and operated by Fred Beaumont for the past ten years. Your Business Appreciated. Leroy Evans assistant.

NORTH CHILLICOTHE
VILLAGE HALL

SANTA FE CLUBHOUSE

NORTH CHILLICOTHE FIRE DEPARTMENT

READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: WALTER EVANS, ARTHUR BROWN, JOHN HOUSENHAND, CHARLES ADAMS, GLENN ADAMS, HARVEY ADAMS, JAMES LADD, RALPH ADAMS, AND V. L. STILES, PRESIDENT OF NORTH CHILLICOTHE BOARD.

SANTA FE DEPOT

WOODRUFF BROTHERS, INC.

Woodruff Brothers, Inc., have been operating an artificial ice plant at 910 Santa Fe avenue for the past nine years. The plant at the present time is furnishing ice for Chillicothe, Lacon, Dunlap, Rome, Princeville, Mossville and Sparland. The company has nine employees and two trucks in operation the greater part of the year. They also handle all grades of quality coals and furnace oil for oil burners. Woodruff Brothers furnish Eastern Kentucky, West Virginia and Southern Illinois coal. Otto Woodruff is the president of the Chillicothe Business Men's Association, a member of the Kiwanis Club and has two children in high school. The officers of the corporation are as follows: Otto D. Woodruff, president; V. A. Woodruff, vice president; L. M. Woodruff, secretary; William Woodruff, treasurer.

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THE CITY PARK

WEBB'S INN

Thirty-four years ago Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Webb started serving chicken dinners on their farm, later moving into Chillicothe and for the past seventeen years they have been serving chicken dinners in their residence at the corner of Second and Walnut streets. They specialize in Chicken Dinners, Special Dinners, Wedding Parties, Banquets and Sorority Parties. Mr. Webb is a former justice of the peace and is now vice president of the Kiwanis Club. Mrs. Webb is a member of the Woman's Club of Chillicothe. The Kiwanis Club has held its meetings in the dining room for the past twelve years.

KELLY'S QUALITY AND STYLE STORE

For the past forty-five years Kelly's has been the store of quality and style. M. C. Kelly first opened a store at the present location of the Carlisle Drug store, later moving to the building located on the present site of the Sunset theatre and has been in the present location the past twenty-three years selling men's and ladies' ready-to-wear clothing. Mr. Kelly has been mayor of Chillicothe for three terms, presidential elector, served as supervisor for fourteen years, member of Old Age Assistance Commission of Peoria County, a member of the Catholic church, and has been a resident of Chillicothe for the past 71 years.

THE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

THE OLD SCHOOL

THE NEW GRADE SCHOOL

McGRATH SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY, INC.

The McGrath Sand and Gravel Company, operating plants at Chillicothe, Pekin, Forreston, Mackinaw and Duck Island, was organized about thirty years ago with the first pit being located at Mackinaw. A few years later the present pit, located northwest of Chillicothe, was purchased covering 300 acres. The deposit will average 125 feet in depth and is produced with a 15-inch centrifugal pump. The raw material is then elevated and conveyed to the main screening plant and at this point the material is washed and graded to meet all State and Federal specifications that may be required. In addition to the washing plant, there is in operation a road gravel plant for the production of pit run gravel for secondary roads. The company's main office is located at Lincoln, Illinois, and the officers are as follows: J. W. McGrath, president; T. E. McGrath, vice president; Thomas McGrath, secretary and treasurer,with the following resident officials: F. J. Larcher, general manager; E. B. Sheets, superintendent, and W. C. Carroll, foreman. The Chillicothe plant at the present time has an output of one hundred cars daily and employs approximately sixty men. The company ships to all points in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa territory.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

THE M. E. CHURCH

ST. EDWARDS CHURCH AND PARISH HOUSE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

THE BAPTIST CHURCH

HICKS ELECTRIC CO.

The Hicks Electric Company, owned and operated by Robert Hicks, was established August 1, 1935, selling Zenith radios and accessories. They have the agency for Norge refrigerators, washers, ironers and circulating heaters. Mr. Hicks is a graduate of Chillicothe High School, an Odd Fellow, a member of the Business Men's Association and the Methodist Church.

ROSS PLACHER'S GROCERY

The present building has been used as a grocey store for the past thirty years, having been operated by several persons prior to the time W. S. Placher became owner. For the past six years Ross Placher has been operating the store, selling a staple line of groceries and meats. Mr. Placher is a member of the Kiwanis Club and has been a resident of Chillicothe the past ten years.

OLD CITY HALL

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CHILLICOTHE POST OFFICE

Postmaster—Walter T. McCanna

Clerks—George Leiner and Marie Stahl; Carriers—George Fleetwood and Joseph Stewart; Rural Carriers—Richard Large and Lon B. Holman; Substitute clerk—Edward Keiser and substitute carrier—Carl Emerick.

LARKIN SERVICE STATION

The Larkin Service Station located on Walnut street to the rear of the Bacon building sells Larkin Hammerless Gasoline, Larkin Stove Gasoline, Larkolene Gasoline, Penn 100% pure Pennsylvania oil, Larkin Kerosene, Naphtha, Gear Grease, Firestone Tires and Tubes, Globe Batteries. The station is also equipped to repair tires and tubes. George McLaughlin has been the manager for the past four years.

SWEENEY'S BEAUTY PARLOR

Mrs. Lelia Sweeney, owner of Sweeney's Beauty Parlor, is a Marinello operator having taken a course in the Marinello Beauty Culture School of Chicago. Mrs. Sweeney specializes in realistic and machineless permanent waves and all beauty needs. She has been a resident of Chillicothe her entire lifetime, has a daughter in high school and is a member of the Catholic church.

C. H. [illegible]

[illegible] ALLEN

MRS. F. W. [illegible]

REV. C. J. ALLEN

JOHN AHLSTROM

U. L. ANDERSON

DAN ALLEN

J. W. ALLEN

CLAYCOMB'S TEXACO STATION

L. J. Claycomb, a former employee of the Santa Fe railroad for eleven years, has been operating the Texaco service station at the corner of Fourth and Cedar streets the past fourteen months. The station sells Texaco products, Goodrich Silvertown tires, Aviation stove gas, Kerosene, Havoline Oils, check chart lubrication system with modern equipment. Mr. Claycomb is a member of the Chillicothe Business Men's Association, is married and has two children and has been a resident of Chillicothe the past thirteen years.

SADIE'S BEAUTY PARLOR

Sadie's Beauty Parlor was established in 1930, having been located in the Bacon Building, Sunset Barber Shop, in North Chillicothe for three years and in the present location on Second street the past year. Sadie's Beauty Parlor specializes in Eugene Permanent Waves, finger waving and all kinds of beauty work. Mrs. Sadie Locke, the present owner, received her training in the Liberty Beauty School of Peoria and has had Maxine (Butts) Beaumont as her assistant the past three years.

G. L. AVEY

C. A. BAER

HARRY BAER

ROLAN AND ROOT GROCERY

In 1932 Kenneth Rolan opened a grocery store at 643 Chestnut street and two years later, joining in partnership with Harold Root, moved to the present location. The store is a member of the Royal Blue Food Stores, selling a staple line of goceries and meats. Both members of the firm belong to the Chillicothe Business Men's Association. Mr. Rolan has been a resident of Chillicothe for the past twenty-five years and Mr. Root the past eight years.

WAIT BROTHERS

Wait Brothers were organized January 1, 1914, and for the past twenty-two years they have been conducting a general Plumbing and Heating business in the present location. They handle the Weir Furnace, Crane Plumbing Fixtures and Williams Oil-O-matic Oil Burners. G. W. Wait is a member of the school board, supervisor of Chillicothe Township, an Odd Fellow, Mason and Kiwanis. Mr. Wait is married and has two sons in school, is a member of the Congregational Church and has resided in Chillicothe the past 23 years.

WILLIAM BAUCOMPE

W.W. BASSETT

WILLIAM BEAUMONT

CECIL BEAUMONT

MRS. ADAM BAUER

ROLLA BERCHI

FRED BEAUMONT

LOUIS BEAUMONT

PENNINGTON'S BARBER SHOP

E. L. Pennington has one of the leading barber shops of the city, catering to men, women and children. Mr. Pennington is the present mayor of Chillicothe and a member of the Chillicothe Business Men's Association. Guy Camp is his assistant in the barber shop. In business since 1919.

GUNTHER'S SKELGAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

H. A. Gunther, the present owner of Gunther's Skelgas and Electric Company, has been selling Skelgas ranges and Skelgas fuel for the past four years. He is also dealer for Westinghouse Refrigerators and Appliances, A. B. C. and American Beauty Washing Machines and Stoker-ola Furnace Stokers. Mr. Gunther is a member of the Odd Fellows, married, and has been a resident of Chillicothe the past seven years.

MRS. JAMES BROMILOW

B. A. BRUMHEAD

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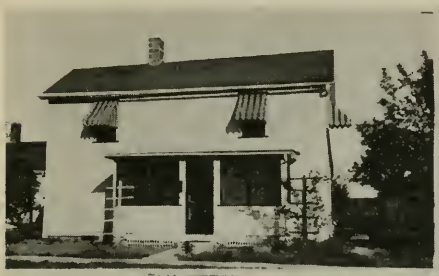
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The First National Bank of Chillicothe was founded in 1900 by B. F. Zinser and associates. Mr. Zinser had previously carried on a private banking business at Benson. In 1926 the People's Building and Loan Association became affiliated with the First National. The Zinser Agency, dealing in insurance and realty, has been associated with the bank for many years. These three organizations form Chillicothe's largest financial institution with assets in excess of three quarters of a million dollars.



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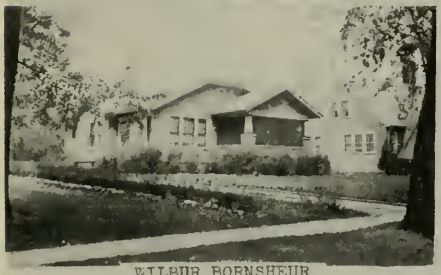
MISS JOSEPHINE BOULIER



WILBUR BORNSHEUR

M. H. J. BIRREN

ARTHUR BORNSHEUR

REV. H. A. BRADFORD

T. C. BOYD

STUMBAUGH'S PHILLIPS "66" STATION

G. L. Stumbaugh has been operating the Phillips "66" Station at the present location the past eight years, having been employed at the station for the past fifteen years. The station sells Phillips "66" products, Lee Tires and Specialized Lubrication. The motto of the station is "Service with a Smile".

VEERMAN'S BAKERY

Veerman's Bakery has been supplying Chillicothe and community with the well known Veerman's Bread and a full line of pastries for the past eight years, having opened the bakery in January, 1928. Mr. Veerman is a Mason, member of the Methodist Church and married with two sons in the city schools. Mrs. Veerman is a member of the P. T. A. and a member of the Grade School Board. They have resided in the city the past eight years.

WILLIAM CHURCH

CHARLES W. BREMER

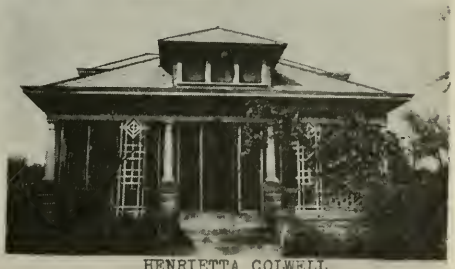
HARRY BORNSHEUR

E. G. CALDWELL

NELSON BROWNFIELD

A. L. COSTER

MRS. ELLEN COON



HENRIETTA COLWELL

THE BEN FRANKLIN STORE

The Ben Franklin Store, owned and operated by Edward L. Smith, is another new and up-to-date store to come to Chillicothe. The store deals in merchandise on the 5c to $1.00 and up plan. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Baptist Church and have taken up their residence in Chillicothe.

THE STOECKER TIRE AND BATTERY SERVICE

The Stoecker Tire and Battery Service, formerly known as the Burkhardt Service, has been in operation the past fifteen years with L. J. Stoecker, the present owner, operating the garage the past nine years. Mr. Stoecker handles Goodyear Tires, Willard Batteries and gives road service at all hours.

EUGENE CARROLL

WILLAIM S. CARROLL

W. M. CAMPBELL

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Directors—Russell Hunter, chairman, O. E. Smith, K. E. Mills, J. D. Root, E. A. Mitchell, Joseph Stakely, James Miller, Fred Ferguson, Arthur Shepard.

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Representative
Chillicothe, Illinois
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Mr. Charles E. Williams, who is one of the newlyweds of Chillicothe, now residing in his new home at 609 Cutright street, is the representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the largest insurance company in the world owned by the policy holders. Mr. Williams was educated in the public schools of Lawrenceville, attended the Indiana Business College, later graduating from the University of Illinois. He is a member of the Chillicothe Business Men's Association, Kiwanis Club and a member of the Christian Church.

LAWRENCE COOGAN

GLENN E. COOPER

L. E. CUSHING

JOHN COLLINS

LAWRENCE COOK

DR. L. J. CLAYTON

HENRY CLEVELAND

SAMUEL CREW

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JARVIS CHEVROLET SALES

On January 15, 1936, R. L. Jarvis opened the Jarvis Chevrolet Sales selling Chevrolet Cars and Service. This is the official service station for the Chicago Motor Club in Chillicothe. The garage sells Skelly Gas, Globe batteries, does welding work, general repairs and wrecker service. Mr. Jarvis has been a resident of Chillicothe the past year, having a son in the schools and is a member of the Congregational church.

MATTICE MOTOR SERVICE

The Mattice Motor Service has been in the present location the past nineteen years furnishing ambulance and wrecking service. For the past two years they have handled the Ford sales and service. Mr. Mattice has served as alderman, is a member of the Masons, Consistory, Shrine, Congregational Church, is married and has one daughter in the city schools and has been a resident of Chillicothe the past forty-four years.

MRS. MAUDE CARVER

EDWARD CARTER

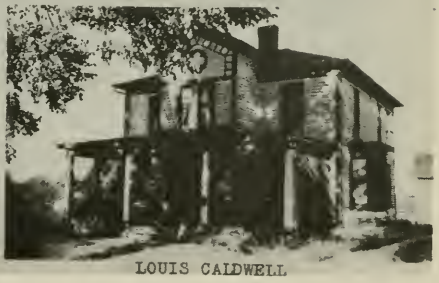
F. G. CARR

L. W. CARTER

DR. C. F. CASE

J. P. CORCORAN

CELIA CALLAHAN



LOUIS CALDWELL

TUCKER'S GROCERY

P. M. Tucker has been operating Tucker's Grocery the past sixteen years at the present location, having originally started the store in his home prior to the time he built the present building. The store handles a staple line of groceries and meats. Mr. Tucker is married and has two daughters in the high school and has been a resident of Chillicothe the past eighteen years.

CARLISLE DRUG STORE

Joseph K. Carlisle opened his present Rexall Drug Store April 15, 1933, having been with the Walgreen Stores for eight years. Mr. Carlisle has an up-to-date Prescription department, Paints, Glass, Wallpaper and carries Photo Films and Supplies. Mr. Carlisle is married and has two girls in the school, is a member of the Methodist Church and has resided here for the past eight years.

HARVEY CRUTCHFIELD

THOMAS CRUTCHFIELD

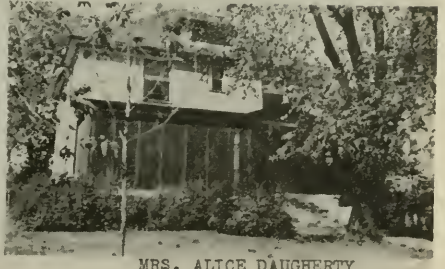
HILMER DALTON

CLYDE CRABEL

MISS NANNIE CROCKER

DR. J. W. DAUGHERTY

CHARLES DAUGHERTY



MRS. ALICE DAUGHERTY

F. E. LYNDS, JEWELER

F. E. Lynds, Jeweler, has been at the present location the past four years having been established since 1912. Mr. Lynds has a complete jewelry stock and Philco radios. He is a member of the Chillicothe Business Men's Association, the Masonic Lodge, Plymouth Congregational Church. He is married, has one daughter in High School and has resided in Chillicothe the past twenty-four years.

SCHWAGER HARDWARE COMPANY

The Schwager Hardware company has been at the present location the past eight years having been organized in 1928, handling a complete line of Hardware, Perfection Stoves, Paints, Varnish, Window Glass, Sheet Metal Shop, Furnaces and Repairing. C. F. Schwager is the present City Treasurer, a member of the Odd Fellows and has been a resident of Chillicothe the past eight years.

D. I. DAVIS

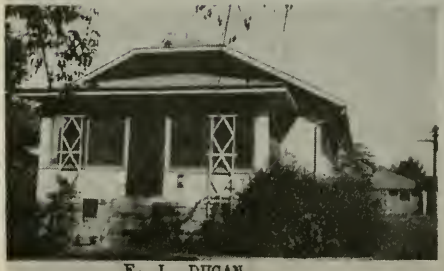
MRS. CLETA DAVIDSON

GEORGE DAVIDSON

MISS EDITH DAY

G. L. DICKERSON

MRS. SARAH DOWDALL



E. L. DUGAN

ELLA DRILLON

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C. T. Leighton, owner of the Artistic Cleaners, has been in the present location the past seven years. Mr. Leighton has a completely equipped plant for the cleaning and pressing of all kinds of clothing and his motto is, "Satisfaction Guaranteed".

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THE KROGER GROCERY

The Kroger Grocery was established in Chillicothe in 1923, selling a complete line of Groceries and Meats. C. A. Jones is manager of the Grocery department and S. C. Hines has charge of the Meat department. The store is a member of the Chillicothe Business Men's Association.

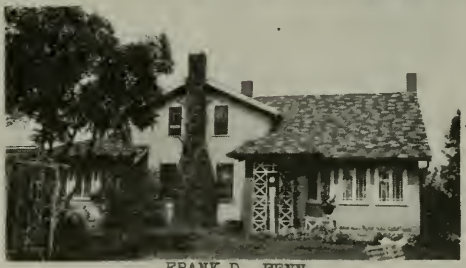
H. B. FORSYTHE

GEORGE FOOTE

MRS. EMMA FOLSUM

WILBUR FOSTER

DAVE FELDMAN



FRANK D. FENN

GEORGE FLEETWOOD

ROY FARMER

Chillicothe and North Chillicothe

The City of Chillicothe is beautifully located on the west bank of the Illinois river, eighteen miles above Peoria, and on the line of the Bureau branch of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad and the main line of the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe railroads. Think of a bustling mid-western city whose whole existence had been a struggle against merging its identity with a greater neighbor. Think of it as it comes down through years, ever watchful of its own interests, finally to establish itself as a town that stands on its own foundation and owes its position to its own efforts. That is Chillicothe.

Almost since the day when the first white settlers came to this garden spot along the Illinois one hundred years ago, Chillicothe has labored to build of itself and for itself against its natural surge to older and larger cities that has so often engulfed villages and towns with less stamina. First the down-river villages of Allentown and Rome gave promise of reaching the size that would have doomed Chillicothe to a minor place among Illinois municipalities. They had their day and nave gone. Of the former nothing remains but history. Of the latter—a few stores and summer colony. Greater than these clouds on the horizon of Chillicothe's growth was the county seat, Peoria, where white men—soldiers, traders, missionaries and settlers had lived in almost unbroken succession since Father Marquette and Louis Joliet beached their canoe there in 1673 to go down in history as the first white men in this territory. Peoria with its early beginnings and the political and financial advantages that fell to it in later years might have swallowed up the more youthful Chillicothe or sapped its vitality as big cities are wont to treat the smaller ones about them. But this dire possibility never came to pass and now with a century of vigorous growth behind it and although only a scant score of miles from Peoria as the hard road winds, the city of Chillicothe stands out as a municipality in its own right—the second city in the county in size and importance. One would no more think of Chillicothe as a suburb or a satellite of Peoria than he would of reversing the order. A wealth of glorious past that finds its roots in the misty ages of the mound-builders and the red men emblazons this thriving city on the river. Within a few miles of its outskirts may be found unopened mounds, built in geometric order, beneath whose coverings of trees and farm crops lie the bones of a race that lived on these lands long before the white man came. Black Sand men, perhaps, or mound builders of long ago who scientists believe roamed the Illinois river valley before the American Indian. Almost unexplored, these ancient burial places still hold the secrets of a long vanished race.

Indian lore—Chillicothe is alive with it. Old timers can still point out traces of the trails followed by the redskins at the break of the last century. Diggers of wells and basements for Chillicothe homes still frequently find bones and trinkets to recall the days when the Illini, the Pottawatomi and the fierce Iroquois held sway over this fertile land. Arrow heads, spear heads and Indian axes are still frequently found in the fields and wooded lands after brisk rains.

In this neighborhood Gomo, the fierce war chief of the Pottawatomi, lived in one of the tribal villages and to his abode came the two U. S. army men, Captains Samuel Levering and Herbert Henry Swearingen in 1811 at the request of Territorial Govenor Ninian Edwards to parley with the tribes in hopes of enlisting them on the sides of the Americans in the second war with Great Britain. Ostensibly seeking to arrest several Indian braves who had recently slain white settlers in Missouri and stolen their horses, the soldiers spent weeks in parley with Gomo and his sub-chiefs in an attempt to win their allegiance. But the fugitive braves had fled to friendlier places and Gomo, rankling under the injustices his people had suffered at the hands of the settlers, could not be won. In a classic burst of oratory he recounted the evils that had been visited upon his race by the whites and spurned their pleas to ally with the Americans.

JOSEPH FRENCH

HENRY FRIEDRICH

MRS. A. R. GALES

EDWIN FREDERICK

L. B. FREDERICK

WILLIAM GLASFORD

MRS. KATE FRIEDRICH

CARL GILFILLAN

In the massacre of the Fort Dearborn garrison on Lake Michigan the Pottawatomi were in the assaulting force but Gomo redeemed himself and went down as one of the noblemen in history when he furnished food and canoes for the women and children at Peoria when the French village was burned by U. S. militiamen and the men carried off in exile.

It was on November 28, 1834, that County Surveyor Charles Ballance laid off the townsite of the present day city under the direction of Samuel T. McKean. The original plat, consisting of four blocks and a few extra lots, was acknowledged before Justice of the Peace Andrew Hunt on December 18 of the same year. Two years later Harrison H. Jameson and Joseph Hart caused another plat to be made of 38 blocks of 10 lots each with each lot 66 feet wide and 165 feet deep. They ignored the earlier plat and called their newly surveyed district Chillicothe.

Growth of the early settlement was slow. Mahlon Lupin, who came in 1829, is credited with being the first white settler of the vicinity and Jeff Rickson, a blacksmith, came soon after and erected a cabin and shop on the river bank—remembered as the first cabin in town. E. Jones, a trader, built the second cabin and shared the honors of being Chillicothe's pioneer merchant with those of being its first justice of the peace.

The first white child born in Chillicothe was James Root, on April 24, 1836, to Erastus and Barbara Root. A picture of him now hangs in the council chamber of the City Hall. Later he went to live in Des Moines, Iowa, and died there March 17, 1929, aged 93.

In 1835 a young bachelor, James M. Brown from Ross county, Ohio, had an idea that suitable accomodations should be provided travelers on the Chicago to Peoria stage coach line so he built a one and one-half story frame house on First street and called it the Dunlap House, later changing the name to American House. This was probably Chillicothe's first inn and tavern. The next tavern is said to have been the Illinois, later changed to the Buckeye. The Chillicothe House was a frame building of ten or fifteen rooms, erected and operated for some years by John Hayes, being destroyed by fire in 1873. The Transit Hotel was erected about 1850, Thomas Kitts being the first proprietor and in 1900 was operated by J. H. Humes. In 1865 the Union Hotel was built by O. G. Woods and was first named the Woods Hotel but later it also bore the names of Union and Commercial Hotels. The present hotel is the Camp House operated by R. L. Earl.

In the winter of 1838-39 the first school was taught in a vacant cabin for the education of those who could find time off from their work to attend. Six years later a frame building with one room was built on the public square for school purposes.

A village form of government prevailed in the pioneer days with five trustees acting as administrators. It was not until 1873 that a city charter was obtained under which Henry Hosmer was elected first mayor with a board of trustees.

Favorably loacted in the midst of rich farming country and with the river—chief artery of pioneer trade—at its door, Chillicothe soon moved to the front as a grain center. Before the Civil War it was the largest grain shipping point in the county and had seven large elevators in operation loading barges and cars with corn, wheat and oats. Nestors recall seeing more than a hundred grain wagons lined up on the streets awaiting their turns at the elevator bins. The distilleries furnished a ready market and canal boats and barges both from Peoria and Chicago eased under the loading spouts in endless array. Many of the wealthier families in the city today built their prosperity in the grain trade.

The river was Chillicothe's best friend in leaner years and even now in the flush of its firm position, the Illinois remains an important asset. It brought the steamboats that carried the early settlers and their goods, it brought the barges that carried away the grain, and it brings the fishing, the hunting, the ice harvest and the passenger travel that are denied to less favorably placed inland cities.

ROBERT GRAHAM

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J. C. GOODWIN

HAROLD GRAVES

DR. FRANK C. GREEN

FRED GILYEAT

SAMUEL GILL

GEORGE GRISWOLD

The first steamboats began plying the Illinois about the time Chillicothe was laid out and with them came the foundation for enterprise that was later to be taken over in a large part by the railroads, wagons and trucks. From freezing time in the fall until the spring thaws, the villagers were almost isolated from other human habitations. There were no railroads through the district until 1847 and roads were poor and often impassible in winter. After months of living to themselves, the inhabitants joyfully greeted the first boats to forge through the honeycombed ice on lower Peoria Lake—a natural barrier that often delayed steamboat traffic in the upper river for weeks after the stream below was open.

Pork, flour and grain would be piled on the river landing awaiting the first steamboats to carry it away to market. Often the captains would race their crafts for miles to gain favored positions at the landings to load the bulky cargoes. The chanting of the colored stevedores and the bellowings of burly mates were music to the ears of a populace longing for contact with the outside. Too, the early boats brought the drummers with their samples of boughten goods and factory merchandise.

With the opening of the Illinois-Michigan canal near the middle of the century, Chillicothe was placed on a direct water route between Chicago and St. Louis and canal boats and barges moved in and out laden with grain, lumber, ice and merchandise. Travelers and immigrants came by steamboats, sailboats, canoes and every known form of river transportation. Huge lumber rafts swept downstream under the guidance of poles and sweeps.

Chillicothe became known far and wide for its fishing and hunting opportunities and the cork and worm angler shared his rich field with the commercial fishermen whose nets snared thousands of pounds of finny food from the stream. Ducks and geese were abundant and as they followed the Illinois watercourse in their migrations to feed in the lush bottomlands they were bagged in countless numbers.

Even today Chillicothe is known wherever sportsmen gather as a mecca for rod and gun. Hundreds of acres of bottom lands under lease to duck hunting clubs bring their owners profit and yield their legal limits to hunters who flock from all parts of the country to make their headquarters in this city during the open season. Many river men take employment as guides or boat pushers for the out-of-town sportsmen.

Another army—the fishermen—starts its trek to this favored spot early in the spring and continues its probe of the bountiful depths until cold weather sets in. Wielders of the rod find ample room to test their skill in the rice pond directly across from the city where a broken drainage district dike has caused a large acreage to be flooded. There black bass, sunfish, ring perch, catfish and carp feed and may be taken in large numbers by the lucky angler. In the midst of the season scores of fishermen's boats may be seen in this paradise. Beautiful and rare lotus lilies grow here and fill the air with their rich fragrance when in bloom.

The Railroads Come to Chillicothe

Chillicothe stepped out of the backwoods class when the Peoria & Bureau Valley railroad came through in 1847 to connect Peoria and Bureau Junction and thence with Chicago. This road, now a part of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific system, gave new outlets for shipment of grain and other produce. A greater advantage was gained in 1873 when the main line of the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad was opened one mile north of the city. The village that grew up around its station took the name of North Chillicothe in 1890. Other cities, including Peoria, had hoped to be on this route and subsequent events showed they would have been richly repaid had they been able to secure what became Chillicothe's good fortune. The railroad proved a great boon through the employment of men and materials. Huge transcontinental trains bearing celebrities of national and international fame all stop at Chillicothe and it is here that crowds gather from miles around to hear and see the great and near-great in rear platform appearances.

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G. W. DUNLAP

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EDDIE EDWARDS

T. J. [illegible]WICK

JOHN HAAS

GEORGE HURFF

RUSSEL[illegible] HARLAN

Chillicothe became the division point of the Santa Fe on May 1, 1903, for the Illinois Division. This is the headquarters or terminal for most of the freight crews both east and west bound and a large majority of the trainmen are property owners either in Chillicothe or North Chillicothe. The company operates eight passenger trains daily east bound and nine trains daily west bound with locals each way. The two crack transcontinental trains from Chicago to California pass through Chillicothe.

There are approximately 75 employees engaged in the operations department of the terminal. Superintendent G. H. Minchin has been in Chillicothe since November 1, 1922, and has an office force of eleven clerks; Trainmaster Patrick O'Sullivan, two clerks; A. B. Enderlee, chief dispatcher, who has charge of the operators on the division has seven trick dispatchers, four operators in the local office; T. H. McKibben, division engineer, who has a field organization of ten or more men depending on the time of year; General Foreman Frank Root, bridges, building and water; C. B. Keers and Frank Hartzell, charge of operation and maintenance of all signals on the division; two roadmasters, R. J. Yost and W. J. Jones; station force composed of C. R. Abernathy, agent and a force of five clerks; mechanical department, Byron Aldridge, round house foreman. In 1935, the payroll of the Santa Fe railroad in Chillicothe was the large amount of $482,053.57 or an average of $40,169.46 per month while in 1934 the total payroll was $434,279.25 or an average of $36,189.94 per month. making an increase in 1935 of $47,754.32, or approximately $4,000 per month. Most of the employees are either property owners or renters and spend a large portion of their salaries for the necessities, also for taxes, both real and personal. In addition to the above payroll, there are employees not carried on the Chillicothe payrolls who spend a great deal while here on layovers or for other reasons.

In addition to the taxes paid by the employees, the Santa Fe in 1935 paid taxes totalling $9,685.44 which was divided as follows: Chillicothe High School, $6,842.76 and Grade School No. 20, $2,842.68. This makes the combined total of the salaries and taxes over a half million dollars paid annually to Chillicothe and vicinity. In 1927 the company constructed a double track, rock ballasted, steel bridge at the approximate cost of $4,000,000 and in 1936 constructed the building on company property known as the Santa Fe Club.

The Santa Fe Club was dedicated February 8, 1936, the building costing an approximate $7,500. It contains 25 sleeping rooms, 30 beds, five showers, a reading room with all the latest magazines and a lagre number of books which are kept in large book cases on three sides of the room, a recreation room with pool tables and tables for writing. There are two rooms used as living quarters for the steward and his wife. The club is a terminal rest room for employees only and the charges are reasonable. The building is owned and operated on a cost plus basis. The club at the present time is accomodating from thirty to thrity-five persons daily. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lewis are the stewards of the club.

City Governments Have Been Progressive

The city of Chillicothe of today with a population of two thousand persons has progressed remarkably in the last century. With its paved streets, schools, parks and churches it is an up-to-date busy metropolis. In the early days of the city there was a street railway from the Santa Fe railroad station to Columbia Park operated by James Kinlock and Ryan, a two-mule team furnishing the power when the driver was able to keep them from laying down on the job. This has since passed into history. Electric lights came to Chillicothe in 1891 and the telephone in 1898. The first pavement was started on September 17, 1906, and today the city has twenty-two blocks of paving, twenty-eight blocks of tarvia surfaced roads and one hundred sixteen blocks of gravelled roads and in addition to this there is a graveled road connecting with route 88, of the the State aid road. There are hard roads running to Peoria and Sparland.

The present administration has made a good record for itself, having laid three carload of tiles for drainage at street intersections, graveled most of the alleys, placed curbing in the residential district and around Cutright Park, repaired all of the streets and in addition has added twenty-five new blocks of

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graveled streets. They have reduced the taxes of the city and have abolished the wheel tax. They have purchased a new truck for city use and have one of the most efficient fire departments to be found in any city of like size. There are two fire trucks, one for city use and one for the community, equipped with a pump to be used where water is not available. Those at the helm of the city affairs at the present time are E. L. Pennington, mayor; Ilion Wait, city clerk; C. F. Schwager, city treasurer; Harry C. Heyl, city attorney; Frank Bacon, O. G. Harvey, E. E. Webb, H. F. Atherton, E. M. Uhden and J. P. Corcoran, aldermen. Cecil Beaumont is chief of the police department, T. C. Anderson, chief of the fire department, and Alex Snediger is sexton of the cemetery.

The Fire Department of Chillicothe—In 1876 the first organization for the protection against fire was effected. The company, consisting of ten members, was formed and named the Champion with G. P. Lester as fire marshal. It only existed a few months and there was no further effort made until the fall of 1878, when another company, called the Rocket, was organized with James Kenlock as captain; G. B. Temple, lieutenant; William Story, foreman; and twenty members. The equipment of the fire company today consists of two complete trucks, one for the city and the other for the adjacent community. The officers of today's organization are T. C. Anderson fire chief; Harold Kennington, assistant fire chief; Harry Camp, treasurer; Charles White, secretary. E. Thompson, R. Graham, William Colwell, Glenn Buckingham, John Perry and Everett White make up the roster of firemen.

The village of North Chillicothe was incorporated in 1888 and in reality, while not a part of Chillicothe, the division of the two towns is not noticeable. The village was first a neighborhood settlement of employees of the Santa Fe railroad who, wishing to be near their work, built homes outside of the corporate limits of Chillicothe and later the settlement was incorporated as a village. One half of the taxes to the village is paid by the Santa Fe railroad and a large percentage of the remainder is paid by employees of the company. The village is free from debt and plans are now under way to build a new town hall and fire station early in 1937. The property owners on Santa Fe avenue and Logan street have resurfaced the streets with tarvia finish and by the spring of 1937 the village will have about three miles of road covered with tarvia finish. The children of the village attend the township schools located in Chillicothe. The village board is composed of V. L. Stiles, president; Frank Burns, town clerk; D. Veerman, treasurer; G. G. Linn, Harvey Gilbert, L. V. Ricketts, E. W. Merrihew, Martin Ladd and Gene Carroll, trustees. The present fire chief is Ralph Adams and assistant fire chief, Charles Adams; W. F. Brown is town marshal.

Always a center of culture, Chillicothe may well boast of its fine schools, its churches and its Carnegie library. The Baptists started the first church in 1837 and now virtually all denominations are represented. The fraternal spirit is maintained by flourishing lodges and clubs. Business and finance as represented by banks and stores admit of no peers in cities of comparable size. The first newspaper, the Chillicothe Sun, founded in 1854, was followed by a number of weekly and monthly publications with varying degrees of success, that field now being dominated by the influential Chillicothe Bulletin.

Schools of Chillicothe

As early as 1838 the people of this community had a public school system for the education of their children. The first school in the village was held in the winter of 1838-39 in a vacated log cabin which had been fitted up for school use. In 1845 a frame building of one room was built on the public square and this served its purpose until the adoption of the free school system in 1855. As soon as public funds could be raised by taxation, a commodious brick building 30x56 feet, two stories high and containing four rooms was erected and supplied with all the then up-to-date furniture and equipment. This building was completed in 1856 and was located on the corner of Fourth and Elm streets. In 1890 two rooms and a hall were added. In February 1891 this building was destroyed by fire. In the fall of 1891, a new building of thirteen rooms was erected on N. Sixth street, between Cedar and Chestnut, and was used until razed to make room for the present fireproof building. In

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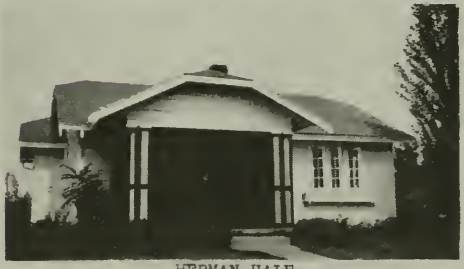

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WILLARD HUCKINS

1900 the schools accommodated about 500 pupils and employed twelve teachers. A Junior High School was erected in 1908 next to the grade school containing one class room and three recitation rooms.

The present Chillicothe Township High School was erected in 1922 at an approximate cost of $35,000. It contains 20 rooms in all, with 10 class rooms and seating capacity for 200 pupils. There is an auditorium 51x70 feet which will accommodate 700 people. The auditorium has a stage 16x28 feet and can be used for community gatherings of all kinds and it also is used by the High school as a gymnasium. The present school board consists of E. W. Sweetman, president; D. J. Veerman, secretary; Frank M. Coon, George Shepard and Willis Wear, directors, and the faculty are as follows: W. S. Adams, principal; Gena Uhden, secretary; William Church, Marietta Alden, Dona Deames, Ethel Gerber, Herman Hale, Pauline Hurt, Virgil Keithley, Opal McKray, Gladys Morrison, Jean Parvin, J. B. Taylor, in charge of the agricultural department, and Malcolm Saxton, band instructor.

In 1935, the grade school building becoming unsafe, a new building was started and on September 15, 1936, the building was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. County Superintendent of Schools H. A. Hayes gave the dedicatory address and the school band furnished the music for the evening. The city of Chillicothe is to be complimented on this fine new, fireproof building as it will compare favorably with any building in the state. The present board is as follows: F. G. Carr, president; George Leiner, secretary; Mrs. Pauline Shepard, Mrs. Marie Veerman. W. E. Stephenson, E. E. Webb, Nelson Israelson and Guy Wait. The faculty is as follows: L. L. Pearce, principal; Mrs. C. N. Slinn, Jessie Goodwin, R. L. Cusack, Olivia Ahlenfeld, LaVona McDaniels, Neva Zeiger, Vivian Kelly, Edna Runter, Gladys Carver, Ellen Davis and Lucille Level. John Mullen is the janitor.

This school history would not be complete unless the story of the school band was given. The band was organized in 1928 with George Thompson as the director. The Kiwanis Club was the sponsor of the organization, furnishing them with the snappy uniforms they wear. In 1930, M. M. Saxton became director of the band, which is composed of forty pieces, students from the grade and high school. Mr. Saxton is also instructor for the bands at the Princeville, Eureka, Dunlap and Lacon schools. The members of the band are Dale Ruck, Walt Stephenson, Robert McIntosh, Harold Risen, Howard Risen, Dan Daugherty, Rosemary Daugherty, Deloris Mullen, Marjorie Lynds, Bette Stewart, Yola Blair, Norman Wilky, Harriet Gauwitz, Janet Stabb, Don Woodruff, Genevieve Reffert, Lawrence Guyer, Dorothy, Leiner, Fred Brownfield, Marjorie Mead, Louise Hart, Gene Behrens, Carl Hartzell, Betty Behrens, Garwin Shane, Jean Holmes, Norma Woodruff, Jack Weber, Bill Shepard, Sammy ShepardV. Gauwitz, John Shane, M. Gasford, Jack Kelley, Jack Stabb, John Holmes, Bernard Schmidt, Floyd Welch, Dean Adams, Mary Alice Coster, Fobert Jones, Conrad Schwager, Helen Edwards, Billy Sheehan, Charles Cameron, Dale Ruck, James Edwards, Wilma Seely, William Reed, George Burg and John Thomas.

The Chillicothe Public Library

Through the untiring efforts of the Federation of Woman's Clubs of Chillicothe, which was composed of the Woman's Club of Chillicothe and the University Club, and the generosity of the Carnegie Foundation, who made a gift of $10,000, the present building on the corner of Second and Walnut streets was made possible. The first movement toward securing a building was started in 1914 and in 1916 the building was completed with Gladys Carroll as the first librarian. The first board members were Oscar E. Smith, Sarah D. Van Dusen, H. C. Pettett, Lillian C. Carroll and O. S. Mills. With a total of 7,167 volumes and 1,582 borrowers the present library is comparable with that of any city of like size in this part of the state. The present board are H. B. Forsythe, Vivian Kelly, Maybelle Hettrick, Gladys B. Gallup, W. R. Babb and Edith M. Westcott with Miss Helen Bromilow as librarian.

FRED HARVEY

E. H. HEILBRON

W. T. HAVERLIND

OSCAR HARVEY

E. L. HATHAWAY

J. C. HARLEY

MISSES MAUDE & EDNA HUNTER

FRANK HARTZELL

Religious Groups of the Community

St. Edwards Church—Originally a mission served from Henry, St. Edward's Church became a parish in 1901, with Father E. M. Hayden as first resident pastor, who remained in charge until 1907, when he was succeeded by Jeremiah Roch, who remained until 1912. In 1912 Father William W. Burke came to the parish and remained in charge until 1923, when he was relieved by the present pastor, Rev. Martin J. Spalding. In 1925, during the pastorate of Rev. Martin Spalding, improvements to the extent of $20,000 were made on the church property. The church and parsonage have both been brick veneered, the interiors of both buildings redecorated and an electric pipe organ installed in the church. In 1935 a double brick veneer garage was added to the property. The St. Edwards Church has a congregation of 400 souls and is free of all debt. The property composed of the brick church, parsonage and brick garage with its well kept lawns and shubbery is one of the show places of Chillicothe.

First Methodist Church—The Methodists first held meetings in the early 1830's in a school house on the public square, not being officially organized until 1852, when William Atchison and Jessie Craige were sent here by the Methodist circuit to conduct services, the circuit requiring two ministers at that time. The first Methodist parsonage, since destroyed, was erected in 1853 at Third and Beech streets and followed by the present structure in 1898. The present pastor of the church is A. H. Nothdruft, aided by L. C. LaPlante, financial chairman; E. W. Sweetman, treasurer; O. E. Smith, superintendent of Sunday schools; W. R. Guyer, recording steward; Mrs. L. I. Carroll, president of the Ladies Aid; Mrs. Lillian Carroll, president of the Missionary society. The trustees are O. E. Smith, Fred Gilyeat, L. I. Carroll, E. W. Sweetman, O. B. Mullen and Julius D. Root.

Christian Science Church—The Christian Science society of Chillicothe was first officially organized on May 23, 1897, with Mrs. Sarah J. Beebe, president; Mrs. Mollie Herzog, secretary; Mrs. Robert C. Gowdy, treasurer and Isaac T. Kahn and Mrs. L. A. Rodgers as readers. The present church was erected in the summer of 1926 and dedicated in April, 1935. The present board of directors consist of Jessie Goodwin, Mrs. C. H. Mead, Mrs. T. J. Winchester, Mrs. Gilfillan, Miss Ida Gullet, directors; Mrs. Mary Markwalder, clerk; Mrs. W. E. Van Dusen, treasurer; Carl Gilfillan, first reader; Mrs. Mary Markwalder, second reader.
First Baptist Church—In the year of 1838 the first organization of a Baptist church in Chillicothe was undertaken with 17 members, meetings being held in private homes. Chillicothe had only 40 inhabitants at that date. Later in 1850 a re-organization took place and a church was erected at the corner of Second and Elm streets. In 1907 the present structure on the corner of 7th and Pine streets was erected. The present church officials are Rev. C. J. Alford, pastor; Mrs. Frank Carr, secretary; Mrs. E. E. Merrihew, treasurer; John Raine, superintendent of Sunday schools; D. J. Veerman, assistant superintendent of Sunday schools; Miss Grace Seebright, secretary of Sunday schools; E. E. Merrihew, Frank Carr, Francis Dalton, Fred Grossenbacher and Joe Beebe, trustees; O. J. Mullen, D. P. Bartlett, O. N. McLaughlin, Charles Koch and Joe Hart, deacons.
Plymouth Congregational Church—The Plymouth Congregational church was organized on August 12, 1891, at North Chillicothe, in a gospel tent. The first officers of the church were Rev. Elbert J. Collins, pastor; Miss Minnie Hill, clerk; George Harbaugh, Joseph Lindemen, Elmer Hunter and L. A. Wood, deacons; Henry Will, G. W. Harbaugh, Mrs. Henry Truitt, L. A. Wood, J. Moffitt, H. Mead, J. L. Robertson, B. F. Warren and E. F. Hunter, trustees. Arthur Brooks, Mrs. Easton Wood, Harrison Reed, George Field, were early treasurers. George Field served as treasurer for 16 years. Russell Field Hunter, the present treasurer, is serving his 21st year. The present church building was completed in August, 1893, and was dedicated two years later. A Sunday school addition was erected in 1921.

The Chillicothe Woman's Club

In 1899 the Woman's Club of Chillicothe was organized and in April, 1927, consolidated with the Music Club and Study Club as the Chillicothe Woman's Club. The first officers of the organization were Mrs. D. Earl Waddell,

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president; Mrs. C. H. Carroll, first vice president; Mrs. A. S. Dean, second vice president; Mrs. C. W. Hettrick, recording secretary; Mrs. Oscar Staley, corresponding secretary and Mrs. William Todd, treasurer. At the time the three clubs became affiliated there were five departments in the club—Music, Education, American Home, Literature and Public Welfare. Many things have been accomplished in the community, such as installing beautiful light fixtures in the city hall as well as chairs, tables and stove.

The Chillicothe Woman's Club is a member of the County, District and State Federation of Woman's Clubs of Illinois and Mrs. Grant Burdick, a member of the local club, is the state chairman of the Club Women's World committee, which is the committee actively interested in the magazine of that name published for the members of the Federation. The club at the present time is composed of four departments, Literature Department, Mrs. Grant Burdick, chairman, makes a study of the classics; Current Literature department, Mrs. Gerald Harper, chairman, studying composers and current events; American Home department, Mrs. O. D. Parrish, chairman, home economics and all phases of the home; Public Welfare department, Mrs. Hattie Shepard, chairman. This last department is responsible for the civic improvement work and while composed of only about 30 members, the entire club is enthusiastically behind any movement promoted by it.

Probably the outstanding accomplishment of the Welfare department was the beautifying of Cutright Community Park and their participation in the party given each year by Mrs. Webb at Christmas time for all of the underprivileged children of the community, ranging in ages from small infants to 12 years. Through the co-operation of F. J. Rolan, owner of the Sunset and Palace theatres, who donates one afternoon for the toy matinee, toys are obtained to be given out as Christmas presents to the children. Mrs. Webb, who is the orignator and sponsor of the party, each year furnishes candies, nuts and cookies and entertainment for the children. Santa Claus is also in attendance to present the little ones with their gifts and it is one of the pleasant memories of the Yuletide season to those who are actively engaged in the project. The Public Welfare department has also taken a great interest in the school band, assisting them in the purchase of music.

Cutright Community Park was the former site of a canning factory located at the foot of Walnut street on the bank of the Illinois river. Through the benevolence of N. S. Cutright, who donated the land to the city in his will, and the efforts of the Public Welfare department of the club this ground, which had become a rubbish heap, was transfornmed into one of the show places of Chillicothe. The club dedicated Cutright Park June 27, 1935, with an outdoor dinner held in the park. They have had constructed in the park a brick fireplace or stove and chairs and benches. Shade trees have been planted on two sides and with the park facing the river it will be a spot of beauty in a few years when the trees have gained some height. Mrs. Wilsey was chairman of the department at this time. A great deal of credit should be given Mayors Charles Daugherty and Edward Pennington, who, through their co-operation, made it possible for the dreams of the department to come true.

The Chillicothe Woman's Club is always willing to assist in anything that will make Chillicothe a better place in which to live and they are always striving to work for the best interests of the community. The present officers of the club are Mrs. Eva M. Cooper, president; Mrs. Esther Meier, first vice president; Mrs. Blanche Williamson, second vice president; Mrs. Emily Root, recording secretary; Mrs. Edith Gaisford, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Mary Anderson, treasurer.

The publishers of this book wish to thank the members of the Chillicothe Woman's Club for their co-operation in aiding in compiling this "Illustrated History of Chillicothe," and to the following members of the committee who have given so unsparingly of their time: Mrs. Eva M. Cooper, Mrs. Hattie Shepard, Mrs. Lillian Carroll and Miss Emma Meixner.

Many Active Organizations in Chillicothe

The Chillicothe Business Men's Association—Feeling the need of an organization in Chillicothe of the city's business men for the accomplishment of worthwhile projects through group action, about fifty of Chillicothe's leading business

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R. L. JARVIS

MISS MABEL JACKSON

MRS. STELLA KAUF

MRS. THOMAS KEENE

M. C. KELLY

C. B. KEERS

WILLIAM KRUGER

and professional men met and organized the Chillicothe Business Men's Association April 1, 1936. Beginning with twenty-four charter members, the Association has grown so rapidly during the past six months that its present membership now totals fifty-seven of the city's leading business and professional men and women. The Association was incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of Illinois in June, 1936. The officers in charge of this active organization are Otto Woodruff, president; E. T. Russell, vice president; E. J. Harper, managing secretary and treasure; C. B. Zinser, Oscar Smith, Otto Woodruff, E. T. Russell, Walter McCanna, E. L. Pennington, Dr. S. A. Smith, William Steadman, J. K. Carlisle, Ray Bender and Fred Kelly, directors. The publicity and promotional committee is composed of R. H. Zinser, chairman, Harold Root, G. P. Scott, C. H. Mead and T. E. Tippetts.

Kiwanis Club— In May 1923 the Kiwanis Club of Chillicothe was organized with the following officers guiding the destiny of the organization: L. A. Rider, president; L. L. Pearce, vice president; James Ingles, secretary, and H. V. Thomas, district trustee. The Kiwanis Club with the combined efforts of the St. Edwards Catholic Church built the imposing entrance gates of the city at a cost of over $5,000. The club also has purchased uniforms for the city band and aided crippled children by contributing generously to various funds. The present officers of the organization are H. C. Bonta, president; E. T. Russell, immediate past president; G. E. Webb, vice president; T. C. Anderson, secretary-treasurer. The directors consist of C. H. Mead, C. B. Zinser, D. S. Risen, L. L. Pearce, O. E. Smith, S. A. Smith and H. V. Thomas.

The Parent Teachers' Association—On December 17, 1929, a Parent Teachers' Association was organized in Chillicothe with L. A. Rider, president; H. H. Baumgardner, vice president; Miss Jane Steele, secretary; Mrs. C. L. Witham, treasurer. It has been through the efforts of this organization that the present Pre-School Clinic was made possible under the direction of Mrs. Leona Ringenberger and Drs. Smith, Thomas and Green as physical examiners. The past summer the association has had the distinction of having its president and secretary, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Church, invited to participate in the State P. T. A. radio program broadcast over station WILL at the University of Illinois. The present officers are Mrs. W. T. Church, president; Mrs. Fred Harvey, vice president; W. T. Church, secretary, and Ernest Webb, treasurer.

The American Legion of Chillicothe—One of the earliest American Legion posts in the state to receive their charter was Chillicothe Post No. 9, organized in 1919 with Fred Kelly as first commander. The Post has been very active in civic affairs. The present officers are T. C. Anderson, commander; John Hubbell, vice commander; A. R. Sweeney, adjutant; Nelson Isrealson, finance officer; Dr. S. B. LaDue, service officer; Dr. S. A. Smith, historian; E. E. Webb, chaplain; Ed Droll, sergeant-at-arms. The officers elect for 1936 and 1937 are John Hubbell, commander; T. C. Anderson, past commander; C. C. Edwards, vice commander; Dr. S. B. LaDue, adjutant; Nelson Isrealson, finance officer; E. E. Webb, chaplain; J. B. Taylor, sergeant-at-arms.

The American Legion Auxiliary—Organized June 24, 1922, the Auxiliary Unit of American Legion Post No. 9 was one of the first Auxiliaries in Illinois. The first officers of the unit were Mrs. Mildred LaDue, president; Mrs. S. E. Smith, first vice president; Marie Kelly, second vice president; Mrs. M. L. Wilkey, secretary; Mrs. A. D. Wenker, treasurer; Ida Carroll, sergeant-at-arms. The unit has aided materially various charitable organizations and contributed liberally to clinics. Eva M. Cooper is the retiring president; Cecil Stewart, the president elect; Nell Archard, secretary; Nell Hershey, treasurer.

The following men are Spanish-American War veterans: Charles Brown, Frank Simons, James Carver, Elmer Sturms, Albert Rogers, William Allington, Howard Pettett and Hoyt Clifford. There are no G. A. R. veterans living in Chillicothe township.

University Club of Chillicothe—The University Club of Chillicothe was organized in 1896 with Mrs. Isabelle Easton Wood the first president. During the earlier years of its organization the Club was composed of both men and women. The University Club was very active at one time, sponsoring educational enter-

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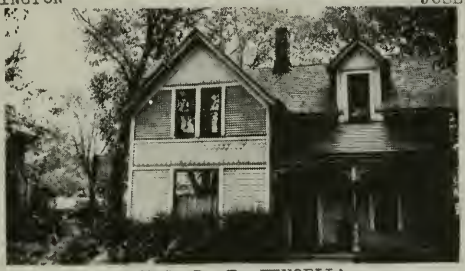

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tainments, the money obtained being used for the purpose of establishing sewing classes in the schools of the city. They have contributed generously toward the Parkridge School for girls. The furnished rest rooms in the new city hall were also made possible through the efforts of this organization. There are two beautiful Plaques hanging in the new High School placed there by the Club. The present officers are Mrs. W. W. Mercer, president; Mrs. J. D. Root, vice president; Mrs. E. B. Sheets, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. F. C. Green, assistant secretary and treasurer.

Woman's Benefit Association— In 1899 the Woman's Benefit Association was organized with Lillian Rice, president; Kate Rice, chaplain; Kate Harbaugh, collector. The present officers constitute the following: Frieda Underwood, president; Lydia Scott, vice president; Selma Howard, past president; Eva Mullen, financial secretary; Gladys Gallop, Irene Bellsly, recording secretary; Selma Howard, junior supervisor; Leone Ringenberger, nurse; Mrs. Lena Herrick, chaplain.

George Washington Lodge No. 222, A. F. & A. M.—Organized January 12, 1856, the lodge received its charter October 7, 1856. The lodge will celebrate its 80th anniversary this year. The lodge rooms are located in the Masonic building which is owned by the organization. The charter officers of the lodge were William McLean, W. M.; H. A. Raney, S. W.; L. A. Wood, J. W.; Orin Booth, S. D.; Samuel Aylwin, J. D.; S. C. Jack, secretary, and E. H. Jack, treasurer. With a present membership of 208 the Masonic lodge in Chillicothe is one of the active organizations of the city. The officers for the current year are C. B. Wissen, W. M.; Joseph B. Taylor, S. W.; Everett E. Swift, J. W.; Oscar E. Smith, treasurer; Henry G. Friedrich, secretary; John F. Hubbell, S. D.; Roy C. Rankin, J. D.; William M. Glasford, chaplain; Edwin T. Russell, marshal; Joseph K. Carlisle, S. S.; Julius D. Root, J. S.; Charles W. Hettrick, Tyler.

Order of Eastern Star—The Installation of the first officers of the Eastern Star at Chillicothe was in 1891 with the following filling offices: Mrs. Emiline Thomas, worthy matron; H. C. Pettett, patron; F. W. Mitchell, associate patron; Mrs. Ella Keith, conductress; Mrs. R. Bledsoe, social conductress; Mrs. F. D. Fenn, secretary. The following constituted the points of the star at that time: Miss Noe, Ada; Miss Anna Lester, Ruth; Mrs. Kate Friedrich, Ester; Mrs. J. E. Dunwell, Martha; Mrs. C. W. Carroll, Electa. The present officers consist of Ruby Kilmer, worthy matron; Joseph R. Stewart, worthy patron; Mrs. Rose Carroll, associate matron; William Carroll, associate patron; Mrs. Caroline Slinn secretary; Mrs. Mary Anderson, treasurer; Mrs. Helen White, conductress; Mrs. Ida Harvey, associate conductress; Mrs. Lillian Harvey, marshal; Mrs. Lucille Evan, organist; Mrs. Ada Webb, Miss Marjorie Schmidt, Mrs. Aletha Beaumont, Mrs. Marie Veerman and Edith Shepard making up the star of the organization; Madeline McLaughlin, warder; Charles Hettrick, sentinel.

Order of Railway Conductors—The Order of Railway Conductors, Division 222, of Chillicothe received their charter on February 5, 1887, with the following as charter members: F. L. Chase, F. W. Kimball, J. W. Moreland, James Fitzgerald, L. N. Turpin, J. B. Potter, W. E. Cass, William Kress, T. E. Coster, R. H. Mitchell, P. Apgar. Present officials are G. G. Linn, chief conductor, since 1929; James D. Carroll, secretary and treasurer, since 1921; C. H. Dalton, local chairman, since 1915.

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen—The Santa Fe Lodge No. 285 of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen was organized in 1889 with the following charter members: G. W. Bereford, J. L. Casey, Lewis Wiles, Thomas Howe, W. C. Howard, Mathias M. Mahone, William Marsden. S. B. Morrison, J. N. Negris, C. B. Sperry. The present officials are Fred Meir, president; J. D. Scott, jr., secretary, O. B. Mullen, local chairman.

Calumet Lodge No. 196, I. O. O. F.—The Calumet Lodge No. 196, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, received their charter March 12, 1856 with D. B. McMaster, noble grand, J. C. Folliot, vice grand; J. H. Batchalder, recording secretary; Thomas S. McNanamy treasurer; Levi Booth, R. S. V. G.; G. L. Marlett, conductor; Samuel Barger, outside guardian; C. C. Allen, L. S. V. G.; Hiram Bliss, warden; C. H. Batchelder, inside guardian; William Oakford, R. S. S.;

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J. L. Renner, R. S. V. G.; G. H. Pifen, L. S. V. G. Contributions are made to charitable organizations. The present officers are J. W. Edwards, noble grand; Clyde Grady, vice grand; E. I. Nurse, secretary; Adolph Sweeney, treasurer; O. D. Woodruff, R. S. N. G.; L. E. Clark, L. S. N. G.; warden; Albert M. Goelnitz, R.S. S.; J. H. Ames, O. G.; Sanford L. Gunter, conductor; Charles R. Hicks, L. S. S.; Harry A. Baer, inside guardian; George S. Johns, chaplain; R. E. Grahan, R. S. V. G.; Carl Seebright, L. S. V. G. There are at present eighty-five members in the organization.

Chillicothe Rebekah Lodge No. 545—The Rebekah lodge of Chillicothe was organized May 24, 1899, with the following constituent officers: Kate Garver, noble grand; Eva E. Weaver, vice grand; Edith C. Thomas, secretary; C. C. Westcott, treasurer; H. C. Pettett, R. S. N. G.; C. O. Garver, L. S. N. G.; William Donath, warder; Clara Mattice, conductress; Sister Hakes, inside guardian; C. H. Naylor, outside guardian; Brother Weaver, R. S. V. G.; Sister Pettett, L. S. V. G.; Sister Naylor, chaplain. Kate Garver, charter noble grand, passed away in July, 1936. There were 16 brothers and 18 sisters as charter members. The present officers are Effie Dowdall, noble grand; Ruth Huckins, vice grand; Hulda Sweeney, secretary; Pearl Graham, treasurer; Veda Woodruff, warden; Lena Wilson, conductress; Asma Saad, inner guard; Eva Baer, outside guard; Alice Wilsey, R. S. N. G.; Mary Anderson, L. S. N. G.; Mary Wilson, R. S. V. G.; Stella Clark, L. S. V. G.; Lizzie Summers, chaplain. There is at the present time a membership of 76.

Has Spent Entire Lifetime in Chillicothe

Oldest Resident—Milton Allen Brown was born July 4, 1855, at the corner of First and Elm streets in Chillicothe to James W. and Margaret Dunlap Brown. Mr. Brown received his early education in the schools of Chillicothe, later attending Cole College of Peoria, Illinois, from which school he graduated in 1875. During the earlier years of his life he was engaged in farming, later taking over the rural distribution of the Peoria Journal which occupation he followed for eighteen years. On February 1, 1905, he was united in marriage to Rose Holler of Lacon and to this union was born one child, Roscoe, now deceased. For the past 81 years Mr. Brown has been a resident of Chillicothe, living his entire life in his present home. Mr. Brown has been active in civic affairs, having served on the school board, two terms as supervisor, alderman, town clerk, assessor and tax collector. It is fitting at this time, a presidential year, to mention that he has voted at the same precinct in Chillicothe for the past 60 years and for 15 presidents of the United States. Mr. Brown has also been honored by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows with the presentation of a fifty-year pin

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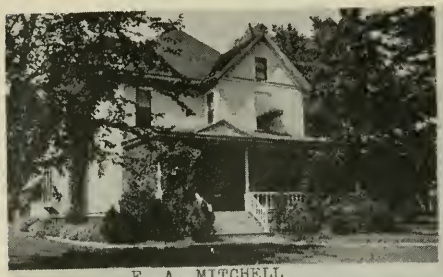

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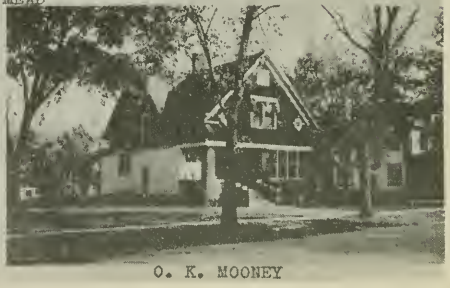

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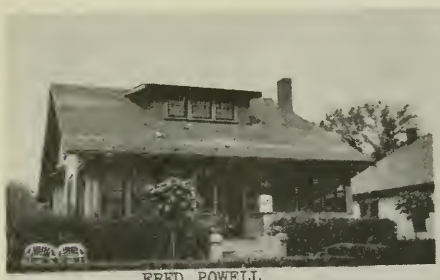

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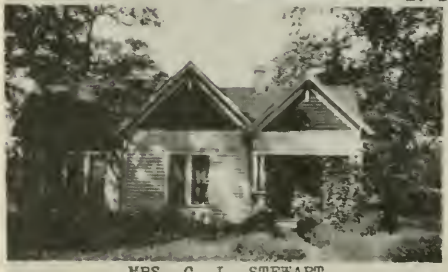

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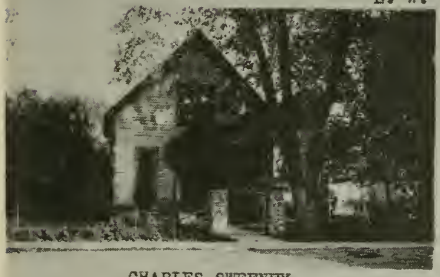

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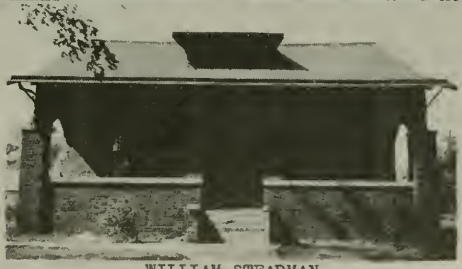

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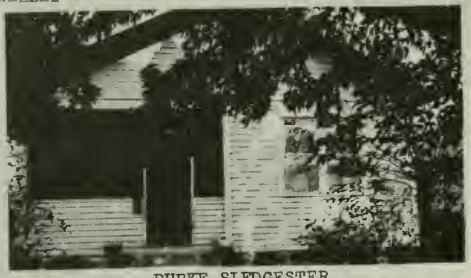

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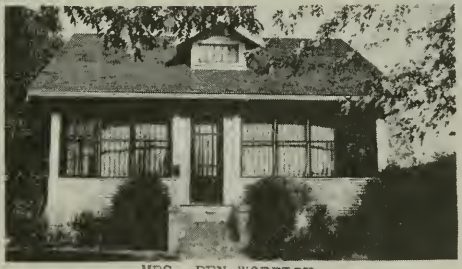

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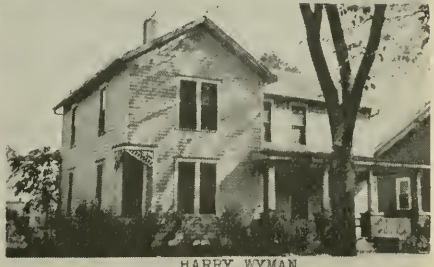

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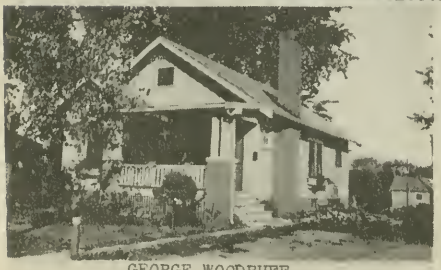

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